

**641—51.4 (135) Persons excluded.** Exclusions to these rules are permitted on an individual basis for religious and financial hardship reasons. Applicants approved for a religious or financial hardship exemption shall submit to the admitting official a valid Iowa department of public health certificate of dental screening exemption.

**51.4(1) Religious exemption.** A religious exemption may be granted to an applicant if the dental screening conflicts with a genuine and sincere religious belief.

*a.* The certificate of dental screening exemption for religious reasons shall attest that the dental screening conflicts with a genuine and sincere religious belief and that the belief is in fact religious and not based merely on philosophical, scientific, moral, personal, or medical opposition to dental screenings.

*b.* The certificate of dental screening exemption for religious reasons shall be signed and dated by the applicant or, if the applicant is a minor, by the parent or guardian.

*c.* The certificate of dental screening exemption for religious reasons is valid only when notarized.

*d.* To be valid, the certificate of dental screening exemption for religious reasons shall be the department certificate or a form approved in writing by the department.

**51.4(2) Financial hardship exemption.** A financial hardship exemption may be granted to an applicant who is unduly burdened by the cost of a dental screening.

*a.* The certificate of dental screening exemption for financial hardship reasons shall attest that dental screening would cause a genuine financial burden to the applicant.

*b.* The certificate of dental screening exemption for financial hardship reasons shall be signed and dated by a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, physician assistant, or nurse.

*c.* The certificate of dental screening exemption for financial hardship reasons shall include the provider type and the provider's name, business address, and telephone number.

*d.* To be valid, the certificate of dental screening exemption for financial hardship reasons shall be the department certificate or a form approved in writing by the department.

**51.4(3)** A faxed copy, photocopy, or electronic copy of the valid certificate of dental screening exemption is acceptable.